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Public Comment Period Started Yesterday

To put Hanford's Integrated Disposal Facility into standby mode

Washington State's Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on proposed changes to the permit for Hanford's Integrated Disposal Facility (IDF). The public comment period is April 23 through June 8, 2007.

What's the IDF?

The IDF is a new radioactive low-level and mixed low-level waste landfill that is located on the Central Plateau, on the Hanford Site. The IDF consists of an expandable lined landfill that will be divided lengthwise into two distinct cells. Once filled, a cover will be placed over it to ensure that the waste remains isolated.

Waste at the IDF will come from the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) and will also store the initial 50 boxes of vitrified waste from the Bulk Vitrification Pilot Plant demonstration. Low-level waste is contaminated materials such as protective clothing, gloves, paper, wood, equipment and soil. Mixed low-level waste is tank waste that has been put into a glass waste form.

What are the permit changes?

The proposed changes reflect the fact that no waste will come to the IDF for a few years. So the changes are to remove conditions that apply to an "active" facility. Ecology has coined the term "custodial care" to describe the current IDF phase. The custodial care phase is the period between the end of construction and 180 days before receipt of waste. During the custodial care phase, the Permittees will not put any dangerous or mixed waste in the IDF.

How can you review the permit?

The public comment period runs from April 23 through June 8, 2007. Ecology will consider all comments it receives during the comment period. We will issue a response to comments report when the final decision on the modification is issued.

During the public comment period, you can review the draft permit change at the Hanford Public Information Repositories. You can review it at Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program office 3100 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland Washington (call 509-372-7920 for appointment). You also can review the draft

permit online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/>

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Portland State University
Branford Price Millar Library
1875 Park Ave SW
Attn: Don Frank 503-725-4132

Richland

U.S. Department of Energy Reading Room
Consolidated Information Center, Room 101-L
2770 University Dr.
Attn: Janice Parthree 509-372-7443

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Attn: Eleanor Chase 206-543-4664

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If you want to ask for a public hearing, please contact Madeleine Brown, Nuclear Waste Program, 3100 Port of Benton Blvd, Richland, WA 99354, mabr461@ecy.wa.gov. For more information call the Hanford cleanup line, 800-321-2008.

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